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## COMMUNICATION

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The following specifications given by the applicant have been approved by the Search Division:

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1. Claims: 1-4, 12-15

A method for recycling a surface of a substrate, wherein the surface comprises a separation profile after an implantation step, by removing only the region close to the edge of said substrate using a local polishing step.

2. Claims: 5-8

A method for recycling a surface of a substrate, wherein the surface comprises a separation profile after an implantation step, by removing only the region close to the edge of said substrate using a selective chemical attack and a protective layer.

3. Claims: 9-11

A method for recycling a surface of a substrate, wherein the surface comprises a separation profile after an implantation step, by removing only the region close to the edge of said substrate using a local ion attack.



### CLAIMS INCURRING FEES

The present European patent application comprised at the time of filing more than ten claims.

- ☐ Only part of the claims have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims and for those claims for which claims fees have been paid, namely claim(s):
- ☐ No claims fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit. The present European search report has been drawn up for the first ten claims.

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